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Needed Immediately:

wimmin who would be willing to accept the responsibility of compiling and editing this newsletter. Due to other commitments, the present editor can no longer devote the time necessary to this task. If you can help, please call Kay and Marsha at 219-271-0338. This is your newsletter……please help us keep it a part of this community.

MMCH…... Mountain Moving Coffee House for Womyn & Children, 1650 W. Foster, Ebenezer Lutheran Church, Andersonville, IL info: 312-409-0276
Coming on June 24th to MMCH…….Mary Daly "Overcoming the Silence of Women in Universities"

June 22-25…. Golden Threads' 14th Annual Celebration, Provincetown Inn, Provincetown, Mass.

Rhea Murray, an author and President of the Seymour Chapter of P-FLAG, will speak at the Justice offices at 627 North East Street (next to Outward Bound Book Store) in Indianapolis. The talk will be held on Saturday, June 17 at 2pm. The GLBT communities, and relatives and friends, are invited to attend this meeting. Call Justice at 317-634-9212 for more information.

NEW IN INDY>>>>

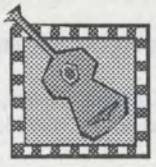
The new Cath's Coffeehouse has opened 627 N. East Street (next to the Outward Bound bookstore). They feature good coffee, espresso drinks, tea & some of the best pastries in the city! Hours (still in a state of flux until they figure things out): Mon-Fri 7am to 7pm Sat 8am to 7pm Sun 8am to 1:30pm

Fort Wayne Pride 2000
Saturday, June 24

Ft. Wayne's 3rd Annual Gay Pride Day to be held in Lawton Park. Events include a woman's softball tournament, flea market, speakers, musical performers, a drag show, and more

2000 Pride Fest
Saturday, June 10

Largest gay/lesbian/transgendered event in Indiana.
14,500 participated in this day long festival in 1999
and 12,000 attended in 1998.
We are expecting a record turnout this year.
The event is held in downtown Indianapolis,
at Veteran's Memorial Plaza.



National women's music festival
June 22-25, 2000

Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana

Awards Banquet, Saturday, June 24
Marketplace featuring diversity and quality, with products such as jewelry, pottery, clothing, sculpture, drums, records, books, gems, toys and more
Women of Color solidarity luncheon
Drumming, workshops and jams
Round Robin, everyone shares their talents, hosted by Ginni Clemens
Golf Scramble, join 80 other festigoers on Friday, must pre register for this event
Guest Speakers: Chastity Bono, Linda Tillery, Lyn St. James
Mainstage Performers: Zoe Lewis & her Rubber Band, Lucie Blue Tremblay, Suzanne Westenhoefer, Cheryl Wheeler, Krissy Keefer, Linda Tillery & the Cultural Heritage Choir, Suede, Dar Williams, Toshi Reagon & the Big Lovely Band
Day Stage: Justina Golden, C.C Carter & Ronda Bedgood, SONiA, ori B., Giwayen Mata, Melanie DeMore
Comedy Concert: Susan Jeremy, Ann Lincoln, Lisa Koch
Mail to NWMF, P. O. Box 1427, Indianapolis, IN. 46206-1427; phone 317-927-9355, e-mail: wia@indy.net
visit the web page: http://www.a1.com/wia (that is the number 1, not the letter L

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Barnes & Noble's Gay & Lesbian Reading Group meets on the 4th Wednesday , 8:30 P.M. For info call 219-277-9482

CODEPENDENCE ANONYMOUS meetings will begin on Saturdays 9:30 AM at the Southside Christian Church. It is not Church Affiliated. We are just using the church as a meeting place. For more info call Lynn at 259-6801

MICHIANA'S GAY YOUTH GROUP... for GLBT youth under 20 years of age, continues to offer to the youth community a positive and educational perspective on health issues, relationships with their families, coming out issues and history of the community. The support group will continue with the same (IYG) guidelines that have been used over the past eight years in a peer group setting. For more information call 219-235-9396 All calls are confidential.

THE TREVOR HOTLINE National toll-free suicide hotline for gay and questioning youth. It's open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Teens can call 1-800-850-8078, where they can talk to trained counselors. Visit www.trevorproject.com

THE LGBT SWITCHBOARD is a non-profit organization that provides assistance and/or referral to the LGBT community in Bloomington, IN as well as surrounding areas. The phone line is answered daily between 6 PM –12AM by professionally trained volunteers who direct callers to various professionals &/or agencies for assistance. 812-336-7660 or 1-888-882-5428(LGBT)

THE SWITCHBOARD...takes calls every night from 7-11PM 317-251-7955 Callers can discuss issues such as coming out, transgender, marriage and other topics. All calls are confidential. Also on the at www.gayindy.org/switchboard/

GAY & LESBIAN HELPLINE/PEER LISTENING LINE The peer listening line is a nationwide toll free number staffed by GLBT youth who provide information, referrals, and support to callers Monday thru Friday 4PM-10PM EST 1-888-340-GLBT(4528). The gay &lesbian help line does the same work Monday – Friday 6PM-11PM, Sat. & Sun. 5PM-10PM EST 1-800-399-PEER (7337)

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN (NOW) Meetings are open to the public and will be the 4th Wed. from 7 - 9PM of each month , Lower Level...St. Joseph County Public Library, 304 S. Main, S. Bend, more info: Penny 291-2342, Rhoda 288-7123

KALAMAZOO GAY/LESBIAN RESOURCE CENTER, C.A.R.E.S Building, Lower Level
629 Pioneer Street, Kalamazoo, Mich. 49001 voice mail: (616) 349-4234

LESBIAN GROWTH & SUPPORT GROUP Fort Wayne Woman's Bureau at 3521 Lake Ave. Suite 1, Info....219-424-7977
Also in Fort Wayne...**G/L/Bi/T Help line** 219-744-1199 available Mon.-Thurs., 7-10 PM, Fri.-Sat, 7-Midnight, Sun, 8-9 PM
FORT WAYNE IYG..... a support group for GLBT youth under 21 years of age Information: 219-422-7597

BLOOMINGTON OUTREACH, informal support group for lesbian & bisexual women 812-855-3849

NORTH/CENTRAL ALLIANCE Located in the Kokomo, Tipton, Logansport, Marion and Frankfort area of North/Central Indiana….North/Central Alliance, P.O. Box 186, Kokomo, IN. 46903.. Voice Mail 317-454-8868

PFLAG (Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays) Meetings are from 2 to 4 PM the 4th Sunday of the month at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 17195 Cleveland Road, South Bend. Info.....Nancy 219-277-2684, or write P.O. Box 4195, S. Bend, 46634
PFLAG in the St. Joseph/Berrien County area, group meetings take place the 3rd Wed. of each month. Info...call 616-429-2957
PFLAG in Fort Wayne meets every 2nd Monday at Plymouth Congregational Church, 501 W. Berry St, Info...Jackie, 219-486-2201

Weekly Event: The Sunday Lavender Morning Breakfast is in Kalamazoo, 9:30 AM Food, fun and conversation. Locations vary so please call for info: 616-324-8907 All womyn are invited to attend

May Birthdays

Happy Belated Birthday!!

7, Loretta H.
12, Becky M., Sherry K.
15, Kim Z.
19, Diane M.
21, P.L. Searls, Dawn
23, Pam D.
27, Lynn B.
30, Mary B.
31, Barb W.

June Birthdays

3, Kaye K.
6, Tina M.
8, Darlene D.
11, Patty W.
12, Colette G., Lacy M.
14, Connie M.
16, Marci L.
17, Vickie M.
20, Sherrill D.
21, Ayn C.
23, Laurie S.
24, Debbie D.

July Birthdays

1, Jane N.
3, Becki G.
7, Marlene
9, Linda S., Carol C.
11, Linda M.
17, Barbara J, Lu B, Sharon F.
18, Jean
19, Debbie C.
20, Deb H.
21, Carolyn W.
24, Sarah M.
27 Deb W.
28 Lorraine B.
29, Tammy O.
31, Linda Y.